

PERSONAL AND LOCAL ITEMS OF NEWS

Festival at the Lake.

Work on the Wichita, Denver & McPherson road will commence in about ten days. The colored people had a large and interesting meeting at Riverside park last Sunday.

Amos Aspy now takes his family out for evening drives in a handsome new carriage.

The city council met in regular session last evening, but transacted no business of special interest.

Robert Black has contracted for \$40,000 brick for his new block on Emporia and Douglas avenues.

Peckham & Frohman have repainted the front of their store, which adds greatly to its external appearance.

Class No. 3 of the Methodist Sunday school had a business meeting in Stanley's law office last evening.

A movement is on foot to take quite a large space of surrounding suburbs into the city for school purposes.

Four babies have already been entered for the baby show, which will open on the 30th. Let the good work go on.

The heavy rain of Sunday evening and night extended over a large area, and was one of the heaviest showers of the season.

Ed. Grady, of Arkansas City, is in the city. He thinks, perhaps there is no other town in the valley improving more rapidly than his town.

Innes & Ross have begun the repairs at their store on Main street. Before they are completed a new ceiling will be put in and the walls tastefully frescoed.

Garfield post G. A. R. will hold their second annual ball at the opera house on the evening of July 4. Extensive preparations to that end are now being made.

Business in the police court nowadays is chiefly confined to intoxicated individuals. Yesterday one disorderly drunk, one drunken man increased the city funds to the tune of \$22.

The following figures will show the receipts and disbursements at the county treasurer's office up to the hour of closing business yesterday: Receipts, \$5,466.78. No disbursements.

The local showers of the latter part of last week, culminated in a tremendous and general rain Sunday night. The prospects for all crops were never so good if equalled for immense yields.

Col. Stewart, who is now giving a great deal of attention to blooded stock, yesterday shipped by Wells, Fargo & Co., express two very fine Poland-China hogs to Thomas Walker at Sterling.

During the thunder storm Sunday night the lightning struck the barn of E. U. Winters, living northeast of the city, killing one of his horses. Fortunately the barn was not burned.

The engineering corps on the Wichita & Florence short line are progressing very nicely. They now have the survey made some twenty miles from this city. The grade this far is very gradual and easy.

The Arkansas river yesterday morning was the highest it has been since the flood of several years ago. Fortunately the water began receding and was considerably lower at noon than in the early part of the day.

W. E. Campbell, of Caldwell, was in the city Monday and reports cattle, sheep and poultry all in good thriving condition. He thinks summer crops can safely be counted upon for Martin and Allen on the state ticket.

The heavy rain storm Sunday evening seriously interfered with the Universal service at Emporia, announced to take place at 8 o'clock. Rev. Woodrow, however, will preach on the subject announced, "Liberty and Law," on Sunday evening, July 15, at the same place.

The young ladies of the Methodist church have made every preparation to entertain the picnic of the city, which will be held at their ice cream festival at the risk this evening. Those desiring of having a fine time should be sure to go.

A broad shouldered individual, as he leisurely promulgates the town in a one horse wagon, at regular intervals breaks out in a deep sonorous voice, with "I scream!" Now he don't do anything of the sort. He said "I scream," people would more readily believe him.

The commissioners at their meeting last Friday made an official canvass of the votes polled at the recent election held in Waco township for the purpose of voting bonds to the Ft. Scott road. The vote stood 191 for the bonds and 101 against.

We understand that a wreck occurred somewhere on the Ft. Scott road Sunday evening, and that the train which should have reached there yesterday morning did not arrive until sometime in the afternoon. We were unable to get the particulars.

The people living on the north end of Waco street are seriously talking of clubbing together and buying a ferry-bus to convey people across the river. While they are about it they might as well get a pleasure yacht to operate on the lake at the crossing of Waco and Central streets.

M. S. Hawk, of Cheney, brought to the city yesterday a large box containing several prize dogs, which he shipped by the Adams express company to Mrs. Mary E. Gragely, at Charleston, West Virginia. The express charges were \$3.75. Prairie dogs are no doubt a great curiosity in Virginia.

The receipt of the premium list of the summer county Agricultural and Mechanical association is acknowledged. The fourth annual exhibition is fixed for September 17, 18, 19 and 20, at Wellington. The book is printed by the Press on Third and Park, and is in all respects a very neat job of work. For copies address L. N. King, secretary.

The ice cream festival at the Presbyterian church last evening proved a very pleasant affair and was numerously attended. The state of the atmosphere was such as to lend a keen relish to ice cream and lemonade, which had been provided in abundance, and was served by the ladies. The evening proved a most pleasant and enjoyable one to all present.

It now seems more probable that Wichita will make no great demonstration on the Fourth. As near as we can learn the charitable post G. A. R. will unite with the Knights of Labor and have a picnic at Dodge's grove across the river northwest from the city. There will be no doings of a public nature in the city during the day, but at night the G. A. R. will have their annual ball at the opera house.

Quite an interesting episode was tried in Justice Hobbs' court yesterday. James Archibald and Thos. Lynch for \$50, claimed to be on contract for work performed in building the foundation for Mr. Lynch's new house. Lynch claimed that the work had not been done in accordance with contract, and hence refused to pay the \$50. The trial was by jury, to whom the case was given about 6 o'clock last evening. The verdict will probably be for the defendant.

Col. H. W. Lewis, one of the most practical and observant men of this city, whose success in business is the best guaranty of his sound judgment, in another column endorses the Eagle's position with reference to manufacturing interests. Not only that, but he suggests other lines, and so far as can be done by abstract reason, demonstrates the practicability of the lines of manufacture suggested. It doesn't seem possible that he can be mistaken as to either the immediate practicability of either the woolen mill or linseed oil enterprise. We hope to hear from others of our observant and experienced business men.

Mr. H. J. Addington, assistant superintendent of the Jernett farm, who came with his wife to spend the Sabbath with the family of Prof. Sickner, says that the hundred acres of New York oats on the big farm has outstripped the Kansas red oats sown along side. He says he never saw such oats in his life and that the yield will be simply immense. The hundreds of acres of corn on the big farm stands waist high and is growing vigorously.

The receipt of a full list of the Saratoga, N. Y., papers containing proceedings of the late Democratic convention, were received from Commodore Woodman yesterday. We suppose he was there to witness the monkey and parrot time of a lot of men who had't the courage even to re-still the Declaration of Independence or the Constitution of the United States, and who had't the manhood to even mention the withdrawal of that eminent Democratic leader, the Hon. Samuel J. Tilden.

Our readers will remember that a short time since we gave a full account of how H. A. Hargett had found a horse which was stolen from his farm in this county about three years ago. Mr. Hargett went to Winfield a few days ago for the animal and returned home with it Sunday. The man that had the horse offered him \$150 for it, but he declined the offer. The man Fisher who acknowledges stealing the animal is in jail at Winfield, and has lately experienced a great change of heart—at least he says so—and now wants to become a Christian. He will shortly be brought to this city and tried for the crime which he acknowledges.

The managers of the baby show have concluded to offer a few more prizes than they at first anticipated. Fine premiums, in addition to those heretofore published, will be given to the handsomest lady, the fattest man, the homeliest man and the handsomest man. The latter prize will most likely be a tie between Chas. Hutton and Ed. Dorsey, while the third premium will be awarded either to the Eagle's reporter or Attorney Stanley, with chances in favor of the latter. There can be no question as to who will get the second prize. "Farmer Doolittle will capture that without a dissenting voice. The writer being an unmarried man will hazard no opinion as to who will be the fortunate lady.

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"And do you consider that this presents to the department technically a different question than that raised by Capt. Payne?"

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